

House Study Bill 61 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to professional standards for the certification
2 or designation of music therapists and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 154G.1 Definitions.

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2   As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
3 requires:
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4 1. "*Music therapist*" means a person who holds an active
5 music therapist board-certified credential granted by the
6 certification board for music therapists.

7 2. "*Music therapy*" means the clinical and evidence-based
8 use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals
9 for people of all ages and ability levels within a therapeutic
10 relationship by a music therapist.

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 154G.2 Practice or use of title.

12 1. A person shall not profess to be a music therapist or
13 board-certified music therapist or use the initials "MT-BC" or
14 any other words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating
15 or implying that the person is a music therapist unless the
16 person holds and maintains the music therapist board-certified
17 credential granted by the certification board for music
18 therapists.

19 2. This chapter does not prohibit a person from using music
20 in the performance of the person's profession or occupation
21 if the person does not represent that the person is a music
22 therapist.

23 3. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally
24 violates this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

25	EXPLANATION
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26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill requires any person claiming to be a music
29 therapist to hold a music therapist board-certified credential
30 granted by the certification board for music therapists.

31 The bill does not prohibit a person from using music in the
32 performance of the person's profession if the person does not
33 represent that the person is a music therapist.

34 A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally
35 violates the bill is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A simple

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1 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30
2 days or a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855 or by
3 both.